



**WASHINGTON STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
NATUROPATHIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**AUGUST 4, 2004**

**LOCATION:** Department of Health  
310 Israel Road Southeast, Room 152  
Tumwater, Washington 98501

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Roger Rowse, N.D., Chair  
Barbara Gross, N.D.  
John Catanzaro, N.D.  
Walter Clemons, Public Member

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Holly Rawnsley, Program Manager  
Robert Nicoloff, Executive Director  
Arlene Robertson, Program Manager

**AAG PRESENT:**

Laura Williams, AAG Advisor

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- 1.1 Approval of meeting agenda  
The meeting agenda was approved as written.
- 1.2 Approval of January 28, 2004 meeting minutes  
The January 28, 2004 meeting minutes were approved as written.

## **2. WASHINGTON HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

- 2.1 Jean Sullivan, Executive Director, Washington Health Professional Services Program (WHPS) presented an overview of the services provided through WHPS. The WHPS program provides services to many health professionals credentialed through the Department of Health. Ms. Sullivan outlined the different ways people participate in the WHPS program which include voluntarily joining the program or being ordered into the program.

Individuals under contract with WHPS are monitored for five years. The program has an 89% recovery rate based on statistics compiled through 16 years of existence.

Ms. Sullivan closed with the statement that it is important to recognize that substance abuse is not a moral issue but a diagnostic issue.

## **3. HEALTH PROFESSIONS QUALITY ASSURANCE INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES UNIT**

- 3.1 Dave Magby, Chief Investigator, Health Professions Quality Assurance Investigative Services Unit (ISU) presented an overview of the services provided by ISU. Mr. Magby provided statistical information on the number of investigations performed each month for the 51 professions currently working with ISU.

He stated that ISU performs approximately 4,000 background checks on applicants each month. There is a 6% rate of finding convictions not reported by the applicants.

Mr. Magby also stated that currently each of the 15 investigators have between 45-50 cases in their caseload. Approximately 49% of all complaints coming in to the department are investigated and ISU receives approximately 90 to 100 complaints each month.

## **4. NATUROPATHY WEB PAGE PROJECT**

- 4.1 Holly Rawnsley, Program Manager, presented a list of topics submitted by Dr. John Catanzaro, Committee Member, for discussion by the committee as part of their plan to include education articles on the Naturopathy WEB page. Robert Nicoloff, Executive Director, suggested the committee link to articles in existence instead of writing new articles. The committee decided to revisit the suggested articles at a later time.

Dr. Barbara Gross, Committee Member, suggested that we post information on the requirements for schooling. The Committee agreed to include this information on the Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) sheets which are being developed for inclusion on the Naturopathy WEB page.

- 4.2 The Committee discussed several topic areas for development of FAQ sheets to include continuing education, criteria of school approval, contacts, legend substances, the

importance of regulating naturopaths in addition to the educational requirements. Ms. Rawnsley will develop a draft prototype of a FAQ sheet.

## **5. SCHOOL RE-APPROVAL PROCESS**

5.1 Ms. Rawnsley discussed the progress of the school re-approval process for Bastyr University. She stated that the information submitted by Bastyr was under review and a decision would be made within the next few weeks.

5.2 Ms. Rawnsley stated that the information submitted by National College of Naturopathic Medicine had been reviewed and the college was re-approved

## **6. PROGRAM REPORT**

6.1 Ms. Rawnsley provided information on the budget for the Naturopathy program. The current balance for the biennium, as of June 2004, was \$645,127.

6.2 Ms. Rawnsley provided information on the next annual Board, Commission and Committee Conference (BCCC). The BCCC will be held on Friday, October 29, 2004 at the DOH Center Pointe facility in Kent.

6.3 Mr. Nicoloff provided information on proposed program and division changes. He discussed the proposal to centralize the legal and investigation units within Health Professions Quality Assurance into a single unit.

He also discussed the proposed profession realignment which would move the Naturopathy Program along with the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Podiatric Medical Board and Radiologic Technologist Program in with Health Professions Section 5 which currently includes the Medical Quality Assurance Commission.

The Committee discussed the proposed changes and Mr. Nicoloff stated that the proposals were still under review. A final decision would not be made until a later date.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

7.1 The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Signature on file

Holly Rawnsley, Program Manager  
Naturopathic Advisory Committee

Signature on file

Roger Rowse, Chair  
Naturopathic Advisory Committee